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"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence—I conjure you to believe me, fellow-citizens—the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake, and to watch with suspicion the work of the insidious wiles of foreign influence in one of the most beautiful fons of a republican government."—Washington.

"I hope we may find some means, in future, of shielding ourselves from foreign influences, political, commercial, or in whatever form it may be attempted, can scarcely withhold myself from joining in the wish of Silas Dean—that there were an ocean of fire between this and the old world."—Jefferson.

**TO ALL THAT VALUE THEIR SIGHT.**

**WISHES to call the attention of all that**  
suffer from defective sight, caused by age, sickness, and particularly from glasses injudiciously selected, to his superior Specular and Spectacle, carefully ground by himself to a true spherical accuracy, and brilliant transparency, suited precisely and beneficially to the wearer, according to the convexity or concavity of the eye. Very numerous are the ill effects caused to the precious organs of sight from the commencement of using glasses in not being precisely suited by the use of an optometer; and the practice of many years enables him to measure the focal distance of the eyes, and such glasses that are required will be furnished with precision and satisfaction.

J. T. acknowledges the very liberal encouragement already obtained, and further solicits the patronage of those that have not yet availed themselves of his aid.

Persons that cannot conveniently call, by sending the glasses in use, and stating how many inches they can read this print with their spectacles, can be supplied with such that will improve their sight.

Circulars to be had gratis, at the office, No. 512, Seventh street, three doors from Odd-Fellows' Hall, up stairs.

Innumerable testimonials to be seen, and references given to many who have derived the greatest ease and comfort from his glasses.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 16, 1854.

To persons who have had the sight of their eyes so impaired as to require the use of glasses, I would recommend Mr. John Tobias as a suitable person from whom to obtain such glasses as they may require. I have known him for many years, and have seen him for a far and near sight. My sight has been improved very much by a service of years in the Post Office Department, which he has required me to be on duty from 11 o'clock at night till after day, during which time I use but one light.

W. A. WALKER.

BROOKLYN ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTION.

April, 1854.

After most careful examination of Mr. J. Tobias's Glasses, I am enabled to testify that their hardness, clearness, polishing, and exact optical shape, render them particularly adapted to those whose vision is so much impaired as to require the use of such auxiliaries. I consider, moreover, Mr. Tobias fully qualified to determine the focus of the eye, both by his optical knowledge and experience, and by means of his optometer. In addition, I can further state that Mr. Tobias has supplied some of my patients with Glasses, to their mutual satisfaction.

LOUIS BAUER, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon, Berlin; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Member of the Medical Society of London, and of the Pathological Society of New York; and Surgeon of the Royal Orthopaedic Institution of Manchester, England, and Surgeon of the B. O. Institution.

Copy of a testimonial which appeared in the Daily American Organ, May 21, 1855, from Judge V. Ellis, (his editor):

"Having suffered for many years past with weakness of the eyes, and that defect of vision which results from a too constant and intense use of these sensitive organs, we were led to make a trial of Tobias's new and improved discovery for the eyes, whose results this article will show. We saw them recommended by sundry gentlemen of the highest standing, and therefore had less hesitation in making the experiment. We are more than pleased with the article. We read with less fatigue with these than with the glasses we had used before, and we are more distinctly with them. Without more delay, we commend the claims of others, who have made improvements in Spectacle Lenses, we deem it but just to make the above statement. Mr. Tobias resides on Seventh street, opposite the National Intelligencer office."

LEONARD, November 7, 1854.

From an examination of Mr. Tobias's Glasses, and from his observations and remarks, am convinced that he is a skillful optician.

J. J. BLACKFORD, M. D.

NORFOLK, Va., July 37, 1854.

In the experience of over twenty years, I have found great difficulty in obtaining Spectacles that were exactly adapted to the weakness of my sight. This inconvenience Mr. Tobias seems to have removed for the present by the substitution for me of better and more suitable Glasses. They are clear, crystalline, and comfortable to my eyes. I would commend him to those who, from age or other infirmity, require artificial aid in this way. J. J. SIMKINS, M. D.

Star: The pair of Spectacles you furnished me yesterday are particularly satisfactory to me. They are very decidedly the best I possess, and I am the owner of eight or nine pairs, carefully selected in different places, and from opticians recommended to me on account of their professional standing in France, England, and the United States. I have been also pleased with your remarks and directions on the Spectacles of the eyes, for the purpose of preserving and improving the sight.

Respectfully yours, CHAS. CALDWELL,

Professor of M. C., Louisville, Ky.

Mr. J. Tobias.

WASHINGTON, August 8, 1855.

Having been for years under the necessity of having two sets of glasses—one for use in the daylight, and one for lamplight—I procured one set from Mr. Tobias, which answered both purposes. I have used his for several months, and find them excellent.

EDWARD STUBBS,

Of Department of State.

PETERSBURG, October 21, 1854.

About five years ago I obtained from Mr. Tobias, in Washington, a pair of Glasses for the Spectacles which I used, and found them of great assistance to my declining vision; and my opinion of him is, that he is skillful in the preparation of Glasses for eyes not too far gone to be benefited by such aid.

See, for more testimonial, the Evening Star, May 15-17.

**SPRING STYLE OF GENTLEMEN'S**  
Dress Hats for 1856.—I shall this day introduce Beebe, Lesty, and Genin's fashionable New York Dress Hats.

LANE'S

Fashionable Hat, Cap, and

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Gents' Furnishing Store.

## Platform of the American Party, adopted

at the session of the National Council, February 21st, 1856.

1st. A humble acknowledgment to the Supreme Being, for His protecting care, vouchsafed to our fathers in their successful Revolutionary struggle, and hitherto manifested to us, their descendants, in the preservation of the liberties, the independence, and the union of these States.

2d. The perpetuation of the Federal Union, as the palladium of our civil and religious liberties, and the only sure bulwark of American Independence.

3d. Americans must rule America, and to this end, native-born citizens should be selected for all State, Federal, and municipal offices or government employment, in preference to all others: nevertheless—

4th. Persons born of American parents residing temporarily abroad, should be entitled to all the rights of native-born citizens; but

5th. No person should be selected for political station, (whether of native or foreign birth,) who recognises any allegiance or obligation of any description to any foreign prince, potentate or power, or who refuses to recognise the Federal and State constitutions (each within its sphere) as paramount to all other laws or rules of political action.

6th. The unqualified recognition and maintenance of the reserved rights of the several States, and the cultivation of harmony and fraternal good will, between the citizens of the several States, and to this end, non-interference by Congress with questions appertaining solely to the individual States, and non-interference by each State with the affairs of any other State.

7th. The recognition of the right of the native-born and naturalized citizens of the United States, permanently residing in any Territory thereof, to frame their constitution and laws, and to regulate their domestic and social affairs in their own mode, subject only to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, with the privilege of admission into the Union whenever they have the requisite population for one Representative in Congress. Provided always, that none but those who are citizens of the United States under the constitution and laws thereof, and who have a fixed residence in any such Territory, ought to participate in the formation of the constitution, or in the enactment of laws for said Territory or State.

8th. An enforcement of the principle that no State or Territory ought to admit others than citizens of the United States to the right of suffrage, or of holding political office.

9th. A change in the laws of naturalization, making a continued residence of twenty-one years, or all not hereinbefore provided for, an indispensable requisite for citizenship hereafter, and excluding all paupers, and persons convicted of crime, from landing upon our shores; but no interference with the vested rights of foreigners.

10th. Opposition to any union between Church and State; no interference with religious faith, or worship, and no test oaths for office.

11th. Free and thorough investigation into any and all alleged abuses of public functionaries, and a strict economy in public expenditures.

12th. The maintenance and enforcement of all laws constitutionally enacted, until said laws shall be repealed, or shall be declared null and void by competent judicial authority.

13th. Opposition to the reckless and unwise policy of the present administration in the general management of our national affairs, and more especially as shown in removing "Americans" (by designation) and conservatives in principle, from office, and placing foreigners and ultras in their place; as shown in a trucking subservience to the stronger, and an insolent and cowardly bravado towards the weaker powers; as shown in reopening sectional agitation, by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; as shown in granting to unqualified foreigners the right of suffrage in Kansas and Nebraska; as shown in its vacillating course on the Kansas and Nebraska question; as shown in the corruptions which pervade some of the departments of the government; as shown in disgracing meritorious naval officers through prejudicial and untrue charges, and as shown in the blundering management of our foreign relations.

14th. Therefore, to remedy existing evils, and prevent the disastrous consequences otherwise resulting therefrom, we would build up the "American party" upon the principles hereinbefore stated.

15th. That each State Council shall have authority to amend their several constitutions, so as to abolish the several degrees, and institute a pledge of honor, instead of other obligations for fellowship and admission into the party.

16th. A free and open discussion of all political principles embraced in our platform.

**FOR SALE OR RENT.** A three-story

House on the corner of Penn. avenue and 17th street. The first story would be rented separately from the other part of the building, and could be made a good business stand. The second and third story has three rooms in each story, and a good garret and kitchen. Inquire within.

Also, for rent, a long room, 25 by 55 feet, in the third story, and one room in the second story of the house on Seventh street, two doors south of Odd Fellows' Hall. For terms, apply to Mr. HANSON, 20 story, or Mr. SEMS, 1st story.

500 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE.

This tract binds about three-quarters of a mile on the railroad, and about midway between Washington city and Baltimore. 300 acres are in wood and timber, the balance in clearing, well fenced, and a small cabin on the place.

This tract will be divided to suit purchasers. Terms will be made easy. Any person desiring to purchase will call upon the subscriber, No. 548, Pennsylvania avenue, between First and Second streets west, Washington city.

H. N. GILBERT,

Land Agent.

**TIME, MONEY, AND TROUBLE**

**SAVED.**

The undersigned would inform the inhabitants of Washington and its vicinity that he is prepared to execute orders at the shortest notice for marking clothing through a beautiful metallic plate with indelible ink.

Each subscriber will be furnished with a bottle of ink, brush, directions, and a recipe for making their own ink hereafter by two ingredients. Each one can make their ink as strong as they choose.

Price for a name of a person on brass, 50 cents; post office address 25 cents extra; on German silver, 75 cents a name; post office address 25 cents extra; on pure silver, \$1 per name, 50 cents extra for post office address or place of nativity.

All orders will receive prompt attention. Payment must be received with the orders.

RICHARD WALLACE, WHEELER,

At the post office, Metallic Plate Engraver.

STEAMER GEORGE PAGE

In connection with the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.

This commodious steamer will leave her slip, foot of Seventh street daily at 6 o'clock A. M., arriving in Alexandria in season for the trains of the Orange and Alexandria and Manassas Gap railroads for Gordonsville, Charlottesville, and Staunton, on the Manassas road for Winchester and Strasburg. Breakfast on board the boat. This boat is the only regular line between Washington and Alexandria.

JOHN VAN BENSICK, Proprietor.

RICHARD WALLACE, WHEELER.

At the post office, Metallic Plate Engraver.

**FOR SALE.**

A Frame House and Lot, situated on

Eighty feet between K and L streets, lot fronting 25 feet on Eighth street, with a depth of 66 feet 8 inches. It is within a square of the Northern Liberties Market, in a good neighborhood, and in a rapidly-improving part of the city, and presents inducements to those wishing to build a family residence in a good location. For terms, &c., apply to

ROBT. A. PAYNE, Druggist,

Corner 4th street and Massachusetts avenue, &c.

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## "THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD"

WHAT long supposed balm to the afflicted is now about being introduced to the public, the proprietors having at the earnest solicitation of many friends, consented so to do.

**MRS. THOMPSON'S**

**EXTRACT OF HERBS,**

A sure and effective cure for

**COUGHS,**

**CROUP,**

**ASTHMA, and**

**HOOPING COUGH.**

Which has never failed to effect a cure in any of the above diseases.

Look at the following:

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., August 8, 1855.

DEAR MADAM: I feel it a duty I owe the public to make known the happy effect produced in me by the use of your Extract of Herbs, having been an invalid for a number of years, from an affection of the lungs, pain in the side, severe cough, want of rest, loss of appetite, &c. Two bottles of your Extract of Herbs has restored me to the enjoyment of my former good health.

I cheerfully recommend it to all those who are suffering from coughs, indigestion, or general prostration.

With sentiments of gratitude and sincere regard, I remain your obedient servant,

P. M. KENNA.

Mrs. Thompson.

Also her

**"GOOD SAMARITAN SALVE,"**

Which has produced the most wonderful cures. Look at the following certificates out of hundreds in the possession of the proprietress:

BALTIMORE, October 19, 1855.

DEAR MRS. THOMPSON: For the last three years I have been afflicted with a very severe swelling of the glands of the neck. I have tried some of the most eminent physicians, but all to no purpose; but after using your Salve only a few weeks, have been entirely cured. I cheerfully recommend it to others.

JOHN SHEFFIELD.

I certify that I had a tumor underneath my right arm, from which I suffered intense pain. I showed it to the doctors, who said it could not be cured. I then showed it to Mrs. Thompson, who gave me some of her "Samaritan Salve." On its third application the tumor broke, and I was in a short time perfectly cured. This tumor was four years coming to a head.

MARY CAMPBELL.

**SUPPORTERS AND BRACES.**

For weak and emaciated persons, the greatest invigorant of the past or present age. It would fill this journal to publish all the certificates in her possession. The following, however, is attached:

"TO THE SICK AND AFFLICTED.—For the good of the public, I feel myself bound to testify to the great cure your Body Braces has performed for me. I was afflicted for twenty years with a violent pain in my back. After using your Braces a few weeks, I recovered my strength and am now perfectly cured."

"JANE SMALLWOOD."

The above-named articles can be obtained of Mrs. T., at her rooms at the "Exchange Hotel," C street, between Fourth and-a-half and Sixth streets.

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**FOR SALE.**

Nine convenient Dwelling-Houses,

each of 9,000 feet of ground, suitable for buildings, thirty per cent. less than cost.—As I believe the builders of this city, myself included, have agreed to build no more houses without some little remuneration for their own labor, and to show my sincerity in the case, I offer to sell, in order to get clear and wind up my business—

4 of those handsome and well-built three-story and-a-half brick Houses; also, 3 Building Lots; also, 1 Cottage House, surrounded by shade trees—all situated in square 453, leading from Sixth to Seventh streets, on Massachusetts avenue.

Also, that handsome and convenient block of three-story Houses, four in number, on Sixth street, between H and I streets.

Also, the corner Ground, about 5,000 feet, all in square 458.

With the exception of this ground, I believe, none can be purchased in those squares for less than \$1 per foot.

The houses are all occupied by good and prompt tenants, at an aggregate rent of \$2,400, and can easily be augmented to \$3,000 without any other improvements to the property, and I will sell separately or together.

To those wishing a safe investment here is a good chance. A liberal credit will be given on part of the purchase-money.

Inquire of the subscriber on the premises.

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J. B. PHILLIPS.

**HEALTH REGULATIONS.**

CITY HALL, March 17, 1856.

At a meeting of the Board of Health,

held on Saturday, 15th instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered to be published:

Resolved, That the Board of Health deem and declare the following to constitute nuisances:

Dead carcasses, dead fish and offals of fish, heaps of oyster-shells.

Offals from butchers' stalls, slaughter-houses, or any other place.

Stagnant water in ponds, marshes, sewers, or cellars.

Decaying vegetables and fruits of every description, whether culture or those portions thereof not used as food which may be thrown out.

All ashes, rubbish, shavings, or refuse substances of any trade, occupation, or business.

Filth, stable manure, excrements, drainage from dwellings and soap factories.

Horses going at large with glanders, farcy, or any other contagious disease.

Houses or buildings in a state of dilapidation or decay, endangering the lives or property of those in the vicinity.

A. McD. DAVIS,

Secretary Board of Health.

The attention of the public is particularly asked to the above "Declaration," and all good citizens are hereby called upon, by every consideration of comfort, interest, and public and private security, to aid in carrying out all the provisions of the sanitary laws of this city.

A. McD. DAVIS,

Commissioner of Health.

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**IMPORTANT TO GENTLEMEN.**

Great inducements for you to Call and See.

THE undersigned gives notice to his friends and the public that he has just received his stock of Fall and Winter Goods, comprising all the latest styles and colors of Cloth, Cassimere, and Vestings; which goods will be made up to order, in the most elegant manner, as he has some of the best workmen in the United States at work for him. Being agent for Scott, the reporter of fashions, you may rely upon getting the most fashionable clothing.

**READY-MADE CLOTHING**

of his own make, such as Over Garments, frock coats, and business Coats, Pants, and Vests, from medium to very superior quality.

All the above Goods will be sold at very low prices, for instance, a whole suit, Coat, Pants, and Vest, for the small sum of \$15.

Overcoats, beautiful style, from \$10 to \$20

Pants, do do do 5 to 10

Vests, do do do 2 50 to 10

He respectfully solicits a call from all in want of Clothing.

**FURNISHING GOODS,**

such as Shirts, Drawers, Collars, Stocks, Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Umbrellas, &c.

P. W. BROWNING,

Under United States Hotel,

Between 1d and 4 1/2 streets, Penn. avenue.

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**BOOK AND JOB PRINTING,**

IN all its varieties, neatly and promptly executed at the office of the American Organ, at reasonable rates.

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## PERRY DAVIS'S

**PAIN KILLER.**

THIS unparalleled preparation is recommended by the most eminent and successful medical men of every age and every rank of life. Physicians of the first respectability, and perfectly conversant with the nature of diseases and remedies, have recommended this as one of the most effectual in their line of preparations for the extinction of pain.

This certifies, that I have for several years used Mr. Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer in my family, in several of those cases for which it is recommended, and find it a very useful family medicine.

A. BRONSON,

Pastor of the Second Baptist Church, in Fall River.

This may certify, that I have used Perry Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer with great success in cases of Cholera Infantum, Common Bowel Complaint, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, &c., and would cheerfully recommend it as a family medicine.

JAMES C. BOOMER,

Pastor of the Baptist Church.

This may certify, that I have used Perry Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer in numerous cases, and believe it to be a very valuable medicine. I have prescribed it in many cases of Cholera Infantum, Common Bowel Complaint, (particularly in children); and it is, in my opinion, superior to any preparation I have ever used, for the relief of those diseases. When given to children, I have always combined it with the syrup of gum arabic, say ten drops with the syrup, and the syrup well mixed. Others have mixed it with milk and molasses, equal parts.

A. HUNTING, M. D.

Sir: I deem it a duty I owe to society, especially to the afflicted, to offer this testimonial in favor of that estimable medicine—"Perry Davis's Pain Killer."

While passing through Galena, some two weeks ago, I purchased at your agency, a 25 cent bottle, and was suffering from a severely bruised hand. I applied it in the store, and was astounded at the almost instantaneous relief. Before I left the store, the inflammation was removed, and in less than an hour, the pain ceased. In two days my hand was well as ever. Finding it to be really a remedy, I determined to try it as a curative for the Piles, to which I had been a martyr for years. After five dressings, my piles were amongst the things that had been. I am now entirely free from them, and in as good health as ever I was in my life.

I have recommended the Pain Killer to others similarly afflicted, and always with good effect.

Several of the captains of the upper river boats have been cured of hemorrhoids, and I consider it one of the most valuable medicines ever discovered.

I am, dear Sir, respectfully yours,

JOSEPH O. MARTIN.

For sale, wholesale, by druggists in all the principal cities, and at retail by apothecaries and storekeepers in every town in the United States and Canada.

And by G. W. & B. L. ALLEN, and JOHN T. MOETIMER, Washington, D. C. Feb 15—3nd

**UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS.**

**CARD.—The Undersigned, JOHN C. DEVEREUX,**</